(c) Government of Karnataka has committed a State support of Rs. 400 crores for the Bangalore airport project, besides providing land and peripheral infrastructure such as access roads, power, water etc. Andhra Pradesh Government has envisaged similar State support for Hyderabad airport project. Government of India has announced a package of concessions for these Greenfield airports in Budget 2002-2003, which, *inter alia*, includes exemption from levy of Inland Air Travel Tax (IATT) and Foreign Travel Tax (FTT) on departing passengers at existing airports in lieu of reduction of sales tax to 4% on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF); charging of Advance Development Fee (ADF) at the existing airports for help in financing of the Greenfield airports; levy of User Development Fee (UDF) at the new airport; and Financial assistance/equity participation by Airports Authority of India.

Air services from Banglore to Saudi Arabia

2652. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities in Saudi Arabia where Air India operates from Bangalore; and

(b) whether Dammam is covered by Air India from Bangalore, if not, whether Air India propose to introduce a flight to Dammam in view of huge traffic to Bangalore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Currently, Air India does not operate any direct flights from Bangalore to Saudi Arabia. However, it offers connections from Bangalore to Riyadh and Jeddah over Mumbai.

(b) Air India has no plans of introducing flights to Dammam from Bangalore at present.